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12. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee Staff, and showed him the paragraph taken from the Appropriations Committee transcript of Director Helms' briefing of January 19, 1973. I told Preston that I met with Mr. Mahon shortly after he made the complimentary remarks in the cited paragraph and asked his permission to use them. It was a general request. I told him that we might desire to use them now in responding to questions posed by the staff of "Congressional Quarterly" and wanted to insure that there would be no objection on Mr. Mahon's part. Preston told me that Mr. Mahon is not available due to the press of Committee business but that he would see no objection to using the quote if we felt it desirable, since the question had been raised with him personally.

Preston has not had time, as yet, to discuss the letter from Representative Robert O. Tiernan (D., R.I.) concerning access to information relating to NASA and DOD coordination and exchange of information on satellite technology.

(Confidential - JGO) Met with Norm Cornish and Jim Kronfeld, on the staff of the House Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, concerning the Committee request forwarded through the General Accounting Office for information on Agency use of polygraph, psychological stress evaluation, and telephone monitors. In brief, Cornish indicated the reason the Committee has gone to GAO for assistance is that they are unable to staff the volume of information required in the present survey. Cornish also told me that they will be looking very closely at the question of Agency monitoring of individual phone calls for use as individual monitoring devices, particularly by secretaries. The Committee is interested in developing facts on the extent to which this practice is followed in Government. I suggested to Cornish that we would be glad to have Bill Phillips and himself and whomever Phillips might feel appropriate come out to the Agency, at least for lunch and a firsthand view of our polygraph facility. No date has been scheduled as yet for beginning of hearings, though the Committee would like to begin, if possible, before the end of the year.